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August 19, 2008

Dear Vendor:

**LEADER SYSTEM REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is assessing the feasibility of releasing a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for a contract providing: (1) (a) system management/operations and telecommunications, and (b) application software modifications and/or enhancements associated with legal and policy changes for the Los Angeles Eligibility, Automated Determination, Evaluation and Reporting (LEADER) System; and (2) taking over the existing vendor's contractual obligations, including assisting the County in data conversion from the LEADER System to the LEADER Replacement System (LRS).

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to help DPSS determine the level of interest in the vendor community with regard to the possible release of an RFP for a contract to provide the above referenced goods and services. The period for this work would begin on May 1, 2011 and continue through December 31, 2013, and would include options for the County to extend the contract through April 30, 2015. The LRS is expected to be in full production on or about December 2013. The County would retain the right to terminate the contract for convenience at any time.

The LEADER System automates administration of welfare programs in Los Angeles County (e.g., CalWORKs, Food Stamp, Medi-Cal, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants [CAPI] and General Relief [GR]), including, without limitation, eligibility determination, benefit calculation, case maintenance, and management/fiscal reports and controls. It is a very large multi-tiered client-server system.

Unisys Corporation is the existing vendor for the LEADER System. The initial contract term began in November 1995 and will continue until April 30, 2011.

This RFI includes the LEADER System background information and a high level view of the existing technical architecture, application functionality and size of the LEADER System.

We are asking that you respond to this RFI by September 15, 2008, indicating your company's willingness to respond to a possible future RFP. A copy of the RFI can be found at: <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/contracts/default.cfm>

Send responses, questions, and any other correspondence to Susan Bosquit by email to:  
[leader\\_rfi@dpss.lacounty.gov](mailto:leader_rfi@dpss.lacounty.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Bosquit". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Bosquit" clearly legible.

Susan Bosquit  
Information Systems Manager I  
LEADER Project  
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